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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR

SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT ASAD

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENCY FOR PRESIDENT ASAD. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM FONMIN KHADDAM IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CONSIDER MOST APPROPRIATE, ASSUMING HE HAS NOT ALREADY DEPARTED FOR ISLAMIC FONMIN MEETING.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS JUST COMPLETED TALKS ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS IN GENEVA WITH FONMIN GROMYKO, DURING WHICH THE MIDDLE EAST WAS DISCUSSED IN A GENERAL WAY. SINCE OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED, THE MIDDLE EAST TALKS WERE ESSENTIALLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED OR DECISIONS MADE. MR. GROMYKO REITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS OF JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS. SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPLAINED THAT, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF OUR CURRENT EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING ANOTHER MOVE IN THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS, WE DO NOT VIEW THESE EFFORTS IN ISOLATION FROM THE

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NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI ASPECT. THEY
AGREED TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER IN THE WEEKS
IMMEDIATELY AHEAD WHEN THE RESULTS OF OUR CURRENT
EFFORTS AND OF OUR REASSESSMENT SHOULD BECOME CLEARER.
THEREAFTER, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CRYSTALLIZE OUR
THOUGHTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES, ABOUT THE
BEST WAY TO MOVE THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS FORWARD ON ALL
FRONTS. MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY SENDS TO PRESIDENT
ASAD HIS WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. END MESSAGE.
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